

FISCAL NOTE

HB 449 - SB 833

March 6, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires dealers of scrap metal and surplus building materials to register with the Department of Environment and Conservation and to maintain records of persons selling them scrap metal. The department would be required to conduct audits of such records and notify law enforcement of any suspicious sales. A first violation of these regulations would result in a Class C misdemeanor and second or subsequent violation would result in a Class B misdemeanor.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$132,000/Recurring
\$17,700/One-Time**

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Not Significant

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures – Not Significant

Assumptions:

- The Department of Environment and Conservation will require three additional environmental specialists (one per grand division). Salary, benefits, and travel costs for such individuals will result in a recurring increase in state expenditures exceeding \$132,000. The one-time supply cost for these individuals is estimated to be \$17,700.
- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for local governments to incur a significant increase in revenues or expenditures.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director